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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER ISSUES REMINDER  
ON DECEMBER 6-8 KINDER MORGAN RATE CASE HEARINGS**

LINCOLN – Public Service Commissioner Jerry Vap of McCook reminds residents of District 5 that the Commission will be conducting four hearings within the district December 6-8 on a proposed rate increase by natural gas supplier Kinder Morgan.

The hearings will be:

- Gering, Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, December 6, 7 p.m.;
- Ogallala, Grey Goose Lodge, 201 Chuckwagon Road, December 7, 11 a.m.;
- McCook, McCook Senior Center, 1400 West Fifth Street, December 7, 7 p.m.;
- Holdrege, Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 223 West Avenue, December 8, 11 a.m.

Kinder Morgan serves residents in 182 municipalities in the Commission's Districts 4 and 5, the western two-thirds of the state. The Commission will conduct four hearings in District 4 during the last week of November and a final hearing will begin December 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room in Lincoln.

Vap said each hearing will begin with a presentation about the proposed rate increase by Kinder Morgan representatives and Public Advocate Roger Cox, who represents customers. Individuals wishing to testify will be sworn in prior to making a statement. Questions may be asked of witnesses by the Public Advocate Roger Cox; Kinder Morgan attorneys; the Commission's legal staff; and individual Commissioners.

"This is the format we have to use in all the hearings so that testimony can be made a part of the public record," Vap said.

The District 5 Commissioner also said, "It is a public hearing. The customers are encouraged to attend and testify if they want to. It is the Commission's desire to bring state government to the people it serves as closely as possible. Having the hearings in Districts 4 and 5 offers people an opportunity to comment without coming to Lincoln."

In its rate filing, Kinder Morgan proposed increasing monthly residential and commercial service charges while simplifying and decreasing its distribution charge. Monthly residential service charges would increase from \$3-\$7 to \$13.50-\$15.50 depending on the community. The commercial service charges would increase from \$4-\$8 to \$22.10-\$24.10.

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